



September 7, 2007

Mr. Paul Rumelhart  
Executive Director  
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Dear Mr. Rumelhart:

This letter is an additional communication on economic development initiatives in Libby. EDA's recent denial of the Libby Public Works proposal raised questions about whether EDA funding might be available to perform non-construction work at the industrial park site, i.e., the preparation of engineering design drawings for the contemplated infrastructure improvements.

Such non-construction work would present some daunting challenges as well. If the Council were inclined to submit a proposal for EDA assistance with pre-construction engineering design work, you will need to provide EDA with the following:

1. A detailed explanation as to how engineering design work for the new infrastructure on the industrial park site could be successfully accomplished at a time when fundamentally important environmental studies, assessments and reports have yet to be completed.
2. A detailed scope of work covering the specific activities that would be undertaken in an engineering design activity, the sequence of this work, phasing and time schedule, and an estimated total cost and sources of funds.
3. A detailing of who would manage the overall effort, including the procurement of engineering services, and the important and extensive coordination work with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

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If the above information relative to engineering design work is provided as part of a proposal, EDA will consider support under its FY2008 Public Works Program or Technical Assistance Program, depending upon the details of the proposal and available funding at the time. Any possible funding for engineering design work, however, should not be interpreted as being part of a phased support leading to EDA involvement in actual construction work on the site.

Also, whether you submit a proposal for engineering work or not, the Economic Development Administration will consider a proposal funding a strategic planning activity to develop a comprehensive plan for economic recovery and growth for the town. This could possibly be eligible under EDA's Short-Term Planning Program.

Thank you for your interest in EDA funding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert E. Olson", written over a circular stamp.

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